

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Replace numbered paragraph 24 with the following:

[0024] A basic principle behind the invention is that the shifting unit 6 is arranged for a regulated speed control of the flow of packages 4, i.e. a speed control of the transport device included as an integral part of the shifting unit 6. Preferably, this speed control is performed as an acceleration of the packages 4, i.e. an increase of the speed of the individual package 4 in relation to the speed of the packages 4 along the incoming track 3. Due to this acceleration, a separation is created between two consecutive packages 4. This in turn will result in a certain distance— $\frac{1}{2}L$  between two packages 4. The distance— $\frac{1}{2}L$  corresponds to a certain time span, during which a shifting of the shifting unit 6 may be performed. In other words, the shifting unit 6 is then pivoted about its pivot axis 8, thereby guiding the subsequent package to another path 10 of the outgoing track 9.

Replace numbered paragraph 25 with the following:

[0025] The invention is thus used for continuous distribution of the packages 4 from an incoming flow into one or more outgoing flows. This is achieved by means of a controlled acceleration with a subsequent separation of the packages 4, in order to create, in this manner, a controlled distance— $\frac{1}{2}L$  between the packages 4. Through the creation of this distance— $\frac{1}{2}L$ , a shifting and distribution may be performed between a number of outgoing flows. Preferably, the packages 4 will be separated by a distance— $\frac{1}{2}L$  corresponding to the length of one package 4.